

BROOKINGS SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

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THE BRICK

A young and successful Executive was traveling down a neighborhood street, going a bit too fast in his new Jaguar. He was watching for kids darting out from between parked cars and slowed down when he thought he saw something.

As his car passed, no children appeared. Instead, a brick smashed into the Jag's side door! He slammed on the brakes and backed the Jag back to the spot where the brick had been thrown.

The angry driver then jumped out of the car, grabbed the nearest kid and pushed him up against a parked car shouting,

'What was that all about and who are you? Just what the heck are you doing? That's a new car and that

brick you threw is going to cost a lot of money.. Why did you do it?' The young boy was apologetic.

'Please, mister....please, I'm sorry but I didn't know what else to do,' He pleaded. 'I threw the brick because no one else would stop...' With tears dripping down his face and off his chin, the youth pointed to a spot just around a parked car. 'It's my brother, 'he said 'He rolled off the curb and fell out of his wheelchair and I can't lift him up.'

Now sobbing, the boy asked the stunned executive, 'Would you please help me get him back into his wheelchair? He's hurt and he's too heavy for me.'

Moved beyond words, the driver tried to swallow the rapidly swelling lump in his throat.. He hurriedly lifted

the handicapped boy back into the wheelchair, then took out a linen handkerchief and dabbed at the fresh scrapes and cuts. A quick look told him everything was going to be okay. 'Thank you and may God bless you,' the grateful child told the stranger. Too shook up for words, the man simply watched the boy push his wheelchair-bound brother down the sidewalk toward their home..

It was a long, slow walk back to the Jaguar. The damage was very noticeable, but the driver never bothered to repair the dented side door. He kept the dent there to remind him of this message: 'Don't go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at you to get your

attention!' God whispers in our souls and speaks to our hearts. Sometimes when we don't have time to listen, He has to throw a brick at us. It's our choice to listen or not.

SOMETHING TO PONDER:

- *Don't ask God to guide your footsteps if you're not willing to move your feet.*
- *Make peace with your Past so it doesn't spoil your Present.*
- *The Lord would rather have you be angry and talk with Him than not talk to Him at all. Cutting communication is the number one tool in the Devil's play-book*
- *Don't compare your life with others, you've not idea what their journey is all about.*
- *Smile! You don't own all the problems in the world!*

UPCOMING EVENTS

◆ Prayer Meeting in November—Pastor Shultz would like to start a new book for Prayer Meeting in November. It is *40 Days: Prayers and Devotions to Prepare for the Second Coming* by

Dennis Smith. It's available at the ABC for \$12.99 and you can pre-order it for their November 4 delivery here at Brookings. Another option would be to order it online.

◆ Friends of Music first concert of the season will be Sunday, October 19 at 3 PM here at the church. The artist will be cellist Dmitry Kouzov.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>Birthdays in Bold</i>	1 Prayer & Study Group 7 PM	2	3	4 TBA Picnic In the Basement Game Night 6 PM Sunset 6:53
5 <i>Charlene Sandwehn</i>	6	7 Ladies Study & Prayer Group 11 AM	8 Prayer & Study Group 7 PM	9 Church Board 7 PM	10	11 Dwight Winslow All Church Potluck Hosted by Todd Van Horn Game Night 6 PM Sunset 6:42
12	13 Soup Kitchen hosted by Lynda Cross Noon-1 PM <i>Tabitha Dillon</i>	14	15 Prayer & Study Group 7 PM	16	17	18 TBA Picnic In the Basement Game Night 6 PM <i>Sarah Kirk</i> Sunset 6:37
19 <i>Friends of Music</i> 3 PM. Dmitry Kozlov. Cellist <i>Paulene Madden</i>	20	21 Ladies Study & Prayer Group 11 AM	22 Prayer & Study Group 7 PM	23	24	25 Kip Bradford Picnic In the Basement Game Night 6 PM <i>Jean Gordon</i> Sunset 6:20
26	27 Soup Kitchen Noon-1 PM Hosted by Bev Rigby <i>Jack Kirk</i>	28	29 Prayer & Study Group 7 PM <i>Evan Dunn</i> <i>Bob Probus</i>	30	31	 Sunset 6:12